(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) International Speed Post Service was initially introduced between the United Kingdom, Federal Republic of Germany and Hong Kong and the four metro cities; Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras with effect from 1st August, 1986. Subsequently, the service was introduced from these four centres in India to Japan on 1.10.1986 and to the United States of America on 6.10.1986. With effect from 15th November 1986, International Speed Post Service was introduced from 10 new centres in addition to the 4 metro cities viz. Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Cochin, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Kanpur, Pune and Vadodara to these 5 countries.

International Speed Post Service is now available only for documents and provides a guaranteed time-bound service to these countries.

The rates vary from Rs. 250/- for the first 500 grams to United Kingdom, Federal Republic of Germany, Hong Kong and Japan to Rs. 300/- for U.S.A.

The question of extending the International Speed Post Service is a continuous Speed Post Service is a continuous process. As and when specific requests are received from foreign Postal Administration for the introduction of the International Speed Post Service with India, each case is examined with reference to the terms and conditions offered, potentiality of traffic etc. and appropriate decisions are taken in individual cases.

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Electrification of rail routes in Bihar

953. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the railway routes earmarked for electrification in Bihar during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the details of expenses to be incurred, route-wise; and

(c) the expected date of completion of this work in respect of each route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c)

Electrification of Sections in Bihar	Anticipated cost in crores of rupees	Expected date of completion
Chandrapura Complex comprising of following sections:—		
(i) Bhojudih-Chandrapura (ii) Chandrapura-Mohuda (iii) Chandrapura-Bokaro Steel City (iv) Tupkadih-Talgaria	44.40	By 31st March, 1988.